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COVER NOTE

5.2 Update on subgroup activities - Technical IOP – COVID-19 Use Cases

1. Issue at stake

To adopt the mandate for the eHealth Network subgroup on Technical Interoperability.

The eHealth Network subgroup on technical interoperability proposes to have a mandate of 2 years, with an evaluation on November 2022 by the eHealth Network. After the 2-year mandate, it is to the eHealth Network to decide on an extension of the mandate, depending on the needs.

As one of the first milestones, in November 2020 the subgroup will provide the advice to the eHealth Network on short-term and medium-long term solutions for COVID-19 related information exchange.

2. Summary

On 17th eHealth Network meeting, it was decided that a technical subgroup should be set up and should start working with focus on the COVID-19 use cases, similar to the semantic subgroup, with whom it should work hand in hand (including for the revision of patient summary guidelines). Later on, a broader strategy for a medium-term approach to standardisation and interoperability could be designed.

The subgroup will address the more technical issues regarding interoperability. It will provide advice and vision on healthcare IT issues on the more technical levels of interoperability, at a strategic level. The subgroup will provide expertise and guidance whenever the eHealth Network request policy advice on data protection, implementation challenges, testing and certification, architectural choices, data mapping et cetera. The strength of this subgroup lies in the combined perspective and the integrative approach of these topics, complementary to and in close cooperation with the eHealth Network subgroup on semantics.

The eHealth Network subgroup on Technical Interoperability will inform the eHealth Network about the state of play of the investigation of possibilities to exchange health data of COVID-19 patients.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For adoption – mandate for the eHealth Network Technical Interoperability.